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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Supplementing the Amendment mailed by Express Mail on June 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 15 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

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12. (Amended) The invention of claim 21 wherein said frame fastener includes:
- a) a tab with first and second tab halves each mounted on a respective frame section;
  - and
  - b) a coupling selectively receiving said tab halves with said fastener assembly in a